

This year, the Office of the Second Congressional District hosted the First Annual Elementary School Challenge, where we encouraged third graders to write in and share their favorite part of South Carolina history.

I am grateful for the support the office received from teachers and administrators who participated in this inaugural competition. Students from over 100 third grade classrooms shared lessons of history which are very meaningful for today.

Zachary Valsecchi, a student at Round Top Elementary School in Blythewood, South Carolina, won this year's competition. He shared the story of the "Best Friend of Charleston," America's first regularly scheduled passenger service train, built in 1831, which ran between Charleston and Hamburg, which is now near North Augusta on the Savannah River in Aiken County. His parents, Wayne and Susan, should be proud of Zachary's accomplishments and the bright future he has ahead of him. I am confident that Round Top Elementary School, Principal Jeanen Tucker, and teacher Cathy Williams will continue to prepare our young people for success.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

LEGISLATION TO HELP REALIZE THE AMERICAN DREAM

(Mr. TAKANO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

(English translation of the statement made in Spanish is as follows:)

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, today I take to the floor to ask Congress to act and pass legislation that will help millions of working families.

We need to pass legislation that will raise the minimum wage and reinstates unemployment insurance for the long-term unemployed.

We need to pass legislation that will protect future property owners from abusive lenders.

We need to pass legislation that will improve our education system to help our children go to college and ensure them a successful future.

We need to pass legislation that will fix our broken immigration system, and will include a path towards citizenship.

It is our duty to help our communities. I ask the Republicans to support these policies so that millions of people can have the opportunity to realize the American Dream.

Señor Presidente de la Cámara de Representantes,

Hoy, tomo la palabra para pedir que el Congreso actúe y pase la legislación que ayudara a millones de familias trabajadoras.

Tenemos que pasar legislación que aumente el salario mínimo y reinstale el seguro de desempleo para quienes han estado desempleados por largo tiempo.

Tenemos que pasar legislación que proteja a futuros propietarios de prestamistas abusivos.

Tenemos que pasar legislación que mejore nuestro sistema educativo—que ayude a nuestros hijos a ir a la universidad y asegurarles un futuro exitoso.

Tenemos que pasar legislación que arregle nuestro sistema inmigratorio quebrado, y que incluya un camino a la ciudadanía.

Es nuestro deber ayudar a nuestras comunidades. Pido que los Republicanos apoyen estas pólizas para que millones de personas tengan la oportunidad de realizar el sueño americano.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from California will provide a translation for the RECORD.

FEDERAL EMPLOYEES ABUSING FOREIGN MINORS

(Mr. POE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the United States is very quick to criticize other nations for human rights abuses, especially when those abuses are caused by foreign government employees. But while the U.S. is crusading against human rights abuses in other parts of the world, it should not ignore human rights abuses here in America.

Allegations are coming to light that government employees of the Office of Refugee Resettlement are abusing—sexually—immigrant minors that are detained in Federal custody. According to the Houston Chronicle, over 100 incidents have been reported where U.S. Federal workers had improper sexual contact with foreign minors. That includes everything from inappropriate touching to forced sex with children. Some minors were threatened with deportation if they ever told the authorities.

The reports also show that not one worker has been held accountable or prosecuted for such criminal conduct. If crimes have been committed, these criminals need to be locked up in a jailhouse. The United States cannot be the world leader for human rights when employees of our own government sexually abuse foreign minor children on American soil.

And that's just the way it is.

CELEBRATING ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

(Mr. LOWENTHAL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LOWENTHAL. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to join with thousands of people in my district and millions across the country to celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month this May. This month, we celebrate the innumerable contributions of Asian Americans

and Pacific Islanders to communities in every corner of our Nation.

California's 47th District is a testament to the richness and diversity with which Asian Pacific Americans have added to the fabric of our country, from Little Saigon and the Korean Business District in Westminster and Garden Grove to Cambodia Town and the Filipino and Pacific Islander communities in Long Beach.

This year also marks the 35th anniversary of the end of the Cambodian genocide and the 39th anniversary of the fall of Saigon. It reminds us of the courage and the bravery with which millions of Asian Pacific Americans made the journey to the United States to build a better life for themselves and for their children.

CARE AND RESPECT FOR OUR VETERANS

(Mr. STUTZMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. STUTZMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise this Memorial Day week in honor of the brave men and women who have selflessly given their lives for this Nation and the millions of veterans to whom our country owes a debt of gratitude.

Sadly, Mr. Speaker, we have recently learned that the Department of Veterans Affairs has fallen disgracefully below the standard our fighting men and women deserve. Misconduct, lengthy patient wait times, and secret lists are all unacceptable for those who have served our country.

It is time the administration takes action on behalf of those who have fought for our freedom. I look forward to supporting the important VA accountability legislation on the floor today and working with Chairman JEFF MILLER and my colleagues in the House to ensure that our veterans receive the care and the respect they undoubtedly earned.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bills were signed by Speaker pro tempore WOLF on Tuesday, May 27, 2014:

H.R. 724, to amend the Clean Air Act to remove the requirement for dealer certification of new light-duty motor vehicles;

H.R. 1036, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 103 Center Street West in Eatonville, Washington, as the "National Park Ranger Margaret Anderson Post Office";

H.R. 1228, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 123 South 9th Street in De Pere, Wisconsin, as the "Corporal Justin D. Ross Post Office Building";

H.R. 1451, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14 Main Street in Brockport, New York,